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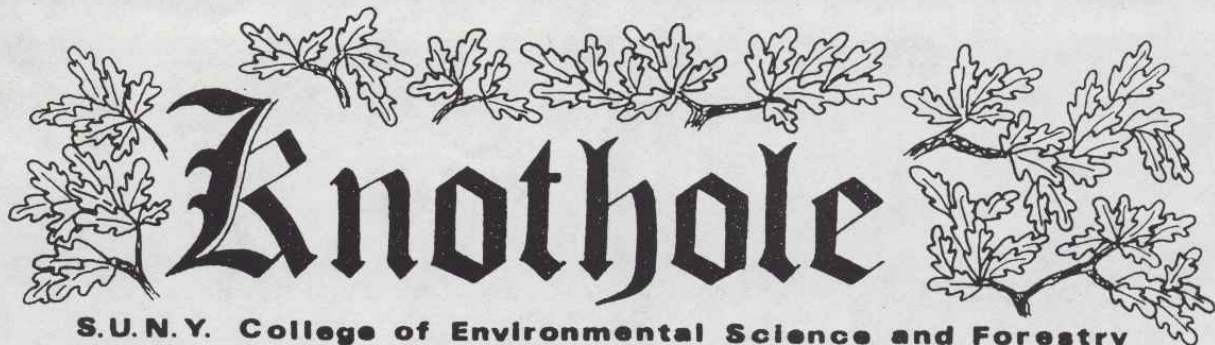
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ESF Recycles by Gary Feinland

As waste disposal costs increase and people become more aware of the potential dangers to human health and the environment caused by incineration and landfilling, recycling is becoming more popular. The benefits of recycling are clear to Art Bilco, assistant director of the ESF Physical Plant. In 1990 Mr. Bilco implemented a high grade paper recycling program with the help of Rich McClimans, Senior Research Associate in the department of Forest Engineering, and Hillary Gans a former ESF graduate student.

A waste stream analysis, performed by Mr. Gans in 1989, revealed that, by

weight, 40% of ESF's waste stream is composed of paper, 13% high-grade and 27% low grade. As the signs on the covers of the high-grade yellow recycling barrels will tell you high-grade paper is composed of **white**: photocopies, letterheads, computer paper, notebook paper, and index cards.

In addition to high-grade white paper Mr. Bilco instituted cardboard and newspaper recycling. Anyone who has a large pile of low-grade paper can call the physical plant and have it picked up. While The College will not receive money from

Bodow for dropping off this paper they will save money by avoiding landfill tipping fees. Implementing these programs has reduced the amount of waste that ESF generates by 40%! But wait, there's more...

For decades ESF has been recycling its grass clippings, and leaves by spreading them on ESF lands at the experiment station on Lafayette Road. In addition Ferrous metals have long been recovered from the waste stream and carted to scrap metal dealers.

The Recycling effort at ESF would not be successful without the grounds crew. Art Bilco expressed how pleased he was with their efforts, "I give 75% of the credit to the grounds crew". However, the grounds crew can not do it alone. Since they must hand sort the high-grade paper, removing any contaminants prior to drop-off at the paper dealer, any improvement in the separation process by the waste generators, that's us, would make their job easier. While compliance with the high-grade paper guidelines is very good, two relatively common contaminants in the yellow barrels are envelopes and gum labels. These materials should be discarded in normal waste baskets. Another area that could be improved is the periodic emptying of the yellow recycling baskets into the yellow high-grade recycling barrels. The baskets are provided to faculty, staff, and students so they don't have to walk down the hall every time they want to discard high-grade white paper. However, emptying the yellow baskets is our responsibility, not the grounds crew's. It would be a good idea to check the label on the yellow baskets before placing your paper there since

Writing Support Center Open To All

Professors are returning the first papers of the semester and students who have discovered the new Writing Support Center in Moon Library and Learning Resource Center are beginning to see the benefits of meeting with WSC staff.

The WSC is designed for students, faculty and staff who have questions about writing, and the students who take advantage of the facility are expected to improve their writing skills and ultimately earn better grades.

In its effort to improve writing skills across campus, the WSC staff addresses a range of concerns from grammar to organization and from development to style.

"This isn't just a place to improve grammar and address problems, but a place to pursue excellence in writing," said Assistant Professor Patrick Lawler, who administers the Center as part of the campus-wide Writing project. "We offer support for students, while

working with instructors."

The Center, which opened Sept. 17, is currently located in Room 103 on the main floor of Moon LLRC, and is open 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

"We are very happy to provide this service along with the other services we offer," said Donald F. Webster, director of Libraries and Learning Resource Center.

The three instructors of Writing for Environmental Professionals (CMN 410), a graduate assistant, and three peer tutors staff the center.

Along with one-on-one instruction, the Center offers three Macintosh Classic computer terminals armed with the Correct Grammar program, a library of books on writing, and a variety of worksheets.

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Editor's Page

Misparked bikes are a hazard.

Just this past week, it was brought to the attention of Public Safety that one of the disabled persons of our campus community had a difficult time entering Marshall Hall via the front steps. The difficulty was a result of this person's inability to gain the use of handrails provided for just such a purpose. Now, how do you suppose use of these handrails was denied to this person? Were they temporarily missing? Well, in a way, Yes. Bicycles locked along the bottom of the railing, on both sides, prohibited their use.

It is required by law that these railings be provided and kept in a useable condition. When bicyclists use the rails as hitching posts, access is denied and the laws are broken. Not only is it wrong to lock your bike to railings for entrance ways, it is equally a no-no to lock up on railings to fire escapes (such as those located in the rear of Illick 5). So, only bike racks are fair game for docking purposes (trees and shrubs are off limits, too -- college policy).

What will happen to your bike if it is caught loitering around a handrail (or tree or shrub)? Warnings are always the first resort, but after a time more drastic measures will be implemented. A popular practice is to cut the lock from the offending bike and remove it from the restricted area. If you are one who has one of those indestructo locks, one of Public Safety's locks will be added to keep your lock company. If you happen to find your bike missing or doubly locked, you should go to Public Safety in the basement of Bray Hall to find out what happened (although the reason should be apparent if you are parked in one of the locations mentioned above).

There has been a large increase in the number of bikes on campus over the past few years and locking facilities have seemingly decreased. There is a movement between Physical Plant and Public Safety to expand existing parking for bikes, but don't expect anything too soon (these things take time and money, both of which are in short supply). For the time being, remember that there is a bike cage behind Bray Hall. Sure it requires a short walk, but it's better than the best alternative. Also, if you are bound for a specific building and find the racks immediately outside the door full, don't just head for the nearest handrail or tree, search for a spot on the racks outside one of our other fine buildings.

Remember, it's easy to be inconsiderate of others, but why don't we make an effort to make some people's lives a little easier (Yours included).

Thank you: Ron, Kevin, Mike, Keri, Kristina, Steve, and Steve for so diligently writing "(315) 470 - 6658" and sticking mailing labels on thousands of postcards (with barely any notice, too). Your efforts have not gone unappreciated.



Room With a View

Sharing the Market with Clarence

by G. Andrew Bartholomay

It's unbelievable. The semester is already half over and I'm completely overwhelmed. Schoolwork isn't overwhelming me; I've taken the typical final senior semester. What's overwhelming is that I'm now required to look for a job. Under normal circumstances this constitutes a major task, but as I'm sure most people have noticed, we aren't living in normal times.

Despite the fact that President Bush is convinced the recession is over, the economy remains crap. This is the obvious problem, but there are hundreds of subtle hurdles facing my job search. Already, a friend is sending resumes to prospective "cool" employers. My resume, on the other hand, is stuck in digital limbo on the hard drive of my girlfriend's computer. All right, I can deal with this. Somebody has to be industrious. At least she worried me enough to make me remember the file name I used.

Just about the time I rationalized my way out of this dilemma, I mistakenly turned on the TV news. Two stories fueled my employment paranoia. The first was a report stating that this year's college grads will search for jobs with last years grads who still haven't found employment. As my face glazed over in fear, the next story hit me. Clarence Thomas has been accused of sexual harassment. This doesn't seem significant until one realizes that if he gets turned down for the Supreme Court he'll also be in the job market. Now, how the hell am I going to compete with him?

Imagine what his resume looks like; a law degree, umpteen years as a lawyer, another umpteen years as a judge, and under personal accomplishments he can say he was nominated to the highest court in the nation. If that's not enough he can get a reference from the President of the United States of America. Oh yeah, my resume measures up to this.

All right, maybe I'm overreacting. Maybe it's just fear of reality, maybe it's senioritis, or maybe it's the six cups of coffee I just drank. In moments of rational thought I know that Clarence Thomas and I probably won't be competing for the same job. But, on the other hand, if the economy doesn't pick up, the drive-thru position at Burger King may be more appealing to both of us.

What's reassuring to me is that congress has made it clear that no matter what job someone is applying for that person will be held accountable for his/her actions.

I don't know if Clarence Thomas sexually harassed Anita Hill, but I applaud Congress' attempt to discover the truth. It seems Mr. Thomas and I do have something in common. We are both accountable to federal law while we are in the workplace. I just hope my workplace isn't Burger King.

100 DAYS WITH THE USES

School Is Work And Work Is School

by Kim Shenefiel

"Continue your education." "Read scientific papers and professional magazines." "Attend lectures." These are all quotes from various professors about how we should spend our time once we graduate. I think they want us to keep our brains from turning to mush due to lack of stimulation (Personally, I think my brain is turning mushy from OVER stimulation).

I learned something this summer that I think many professors have forgotten. If people want to, they can learn more in the field than in a classroom simply by looking at, listening to and questioning everything they see. As one co-worker told me, "In this job, you can learn as little or as much as you choose." I chose to learn a lot.

There is a reason why agencies, like the US Forest Service, place more emphasis on experience than education. Working for the Forest Survey crew this past summer was like being enrolled in courses on forest inventory, plant taxonomy, forest pathology, photo and map interpretation, geography, outdoor recreation, bird and mammal identification, Navajo Indian traditions, and the history of mining in the Northwest.

By totally immersing myself in my work, the area, and the culture and asking question after question, I feel I learned more than I would in a year here at ESF (Nothing against the school or classes). The best part was that I could take it in only as fast as I could digest it.

My point is, students don't need to hear about the efforts they should take to keep up with advancements in their field after graduation. The students who WANT to learn more will read papers and magazines and attend lectures and classes AND ask questions. Those who just want to do the work will probably not read the papers or attend any lectures, but they might ask a few questions. Maybe all professors should realize this and increase emphasis on the importance of asking questions. In turn, students should remember that they'll never know the answer unless they ask the question.

Attention New Undergrads

New ESF thermal mugs have arrived from the manufacturer.

As a new undergraduate you are entitled to one free mug, paid for by your Student Activity Fee through the Undergraduate Student Association.

Mugs may be picked up during any of the Small Stores hours of operation. Any returning students, graduate students, faculty, or staff who happen to read this article, don't feel left out. You also can get a new ESF thermal mug which only costs \$1.50.

Wanted: DEAD OR ALIVE

1 woman or man to share 3 bedroom apartment with 2 women. Apartment is large and spacious. Located on second floor with hardwood floors, large front porch, washer and dryer in basement, microwave. Safe, quiet, residential neighborhood within 1 block from Meadowbrook Park and 20 minute walk to campus. CALL AFTERNOONS OR EVENINGS 422-1559 pets negotiable

'IN' IN OUTDOORS BEFORE YOU DRAW

by S.D. Klopfer

If you hunt the North, you're already in business. If you hunt in the south, get ready because big game archery season is here. For us beginners (my third season), there is a lot to remember. You're practiced up, your broadheads match your arrows and your bow is healthy. All ready to go, right? Well, you might want to think about some other things you'll need out there, especially if you are going to hunt on state or private land that you are not too familiar with.

The first thing to do if you're going to hunt state land around the area is to tell a friend exactly where you are going and what time you expect to be back. That way if the worst happens and you get into trouble, you will be sure that help will be on the way.

If you're like me, you like to travel light but be prepared for many situations. When I'm out with my bow, I also have with me: matches (Ohio Bluetip, strike anywhere) in a case, surveyor's tape, a flashlight, a hand warmer, and extra gloves. Seems like a lot but it all fits nicely in a fanny pack and it doesn't add extra weight. The pen is for filling out a carcass tag and the knife is for field dressing. The rope will make a long drag easier. The all-purpose knife has your basic can opener, screwdriver, blade, etc. They might come in handy. Wooden matches that are easily lit are perhaps your most important article, so keep them dry. I use a spent 20 gauge shell fit into a 12 gauge shell which works great. Orange surveyor's tape works well as a trail marker for entry and for following wounded deer. Cut it up into one inch strips at the site, but remember to pick them up when you're done. Flashlights are important for entry or exit of darkened woods or following a blood trail, so make sure you have good batteries. The hand warmer? Well OK, so I'm a bit of a wuss sometimes, but I've been happier than a lot of cold wet guys with it in my pack. I also bring extra gloves, depending on the weather, they give you a spare pair and they muffle the sound of the contents of the pouch when walking.

These are some other things you might want to include on your trip: a garbage bag for emergency rain gear, dry seat or dry storage. If you use scents or calls, they can be fit easily into your pack, but be sure to seal scent up tightly (spilled scent can ruin your hunt). A watch is also helpful to have. You might also benefit from a change of clothes stored in your vehicle in case of emergency. Food is a good idea if you might be out all day, so store it in your pack or car.

I hope these ideas make your hunt a little easier and more enjoyable. Many times, being prepared for little things can avoid big problems and make your day a great one.

Don't forget to let me know if your organization is doing something in the outdoors. Great publicity!

Pizza Review: The Varsity

by Win Everham

Last week, to kick off the First Annual Best Pizza Contest (a.k.a. Pizza Extravaganza), the KNOTHOLE staff visited THE VARSITY. THE VARSITY was nominated by Mark Burger. It is about a ten minute walk from campus. They serve medium and large pizzas with a selection of eight toppings and also serve pizza by the slice. No deliveries though.

Our order was a large pepperoni and sausage (Mark's recommendation), and a medium with olives and mushrooms (for the staff vegetarians). We developed a 100 point scoring sheet, available on the door of 22 Bray. The points are divided into: crust (20), sauce (20), cheese (20), aesthetics (5), and other factors - service, cost, etc. (15). Overall, THE VARSITY received a score of 69.5. The vegetarian pizza had an average score of 69.0, the meat pizza a score of 71.3. We also had a score of 64 for a cheese and pepperoni purchases by another ESF student who happened to be eating there that night.

As a staff, we found that our pizza tastes varied, some of us like thick end crusts, some of us didn't. We also discussed the relative value of those big dough bubbles you sometimes get. THE VARSITY pizza crust scored high on its "foldability", but we differed in our appreciation of the grease. Some liked the way the grease caught the rays of the setting sun, adding to the aesthetics value, but others thought that being able to read THE NEW TIMES through your paper plate indicated an excessive grease level. We were undecided on the visual effect of random, or carefully placed pepperonis, but we agreed that getting two stacked on top of one another was a good thing. We had one UHC (unidentified hard chunk) we figured was about a class 4 (180 mesh). THE VARSITY has a sports motif, and the baseball game playing in the background was a little distracting, plus the tables are a little small. But, our medium pizza was \$7.25 and the large pizza was \$8.25 and they took about 10 minutes to cook. We thought that was pretty good.

Now, what role can you play? First, nominate your favorite place! All who nominate the winner will be invited to a free pizza party. All you have to do is pick up and fill out a nomination form from the door of 22 Bray. The other way you can participate is to score these pizza places yourself. We are still accepting score sheets for THE VARSITY, and this week we will be visiting BONZAI on Westcott. Pick up a score sheet, drop in there this week and score it yourself.

Germany Will Reduce Its CO2 Emissions

(Tranet): It was announced at the Second World Climate Conference reports No. 127 of The FAO Review, Ceres (Via delle Terme de Caracalla, 1-00100 Rome ITALY) that Germany will reduce its CO2 emissions by 25% by the year 2005. Japan and the European community agreed to stabilize CO2 emissions in the same period. Only the United States held to its do nothing approach in the belief that "industry knows best what to do and those companies that don't adjust will go bankrupt".

CLIMB MY GREASY POLE

Attention - All Clubs

Do you have what it takes to climb The Greased Pole? This year, at the Fall Barbecue (Oct. 26), the Woods-men' Team is challenging all ESF clubs to a greased pole competition. To have a team, all you need is four people willing to get a little dirty. A cash prize of \$50.00 will be awarded to the fastest four person team. This promises to be a great time for everyone, so come on out! For information, contact Mike Huneke, Forestry Club President, at 423-7019. See you there!

1991 YEARBOOKS ARE HERE! (FINALLY)

All returning students who paid their Yearbook Fee (*Undergraduates - this was on your Spring 91 tuition bill, if you did not request a refund, you have paid this fee*) for last year get a yearbook. Come to 22 Bray to pick up your yearbook!

The yearbook staff will be handing out the 1991 yearbook at the TGIF on the 18th of October. Come to the yearbook meeting on Thursday, October 17 at 5:30 p.m. in Bray 22 to join the yearbook staff.

Gamma Delta Theta Newsbrief

This week the members of Gamma Delta Theta have organized their first fund raiser. Pumpkins of all sizes will be sold according to weight. Everyone is encouraged to stop by and take a look.

Pumpkins will be sold from Tuesday, Oct. 15 - Friday, Oct. 18 from 10-2 in Marshall Foyer or until supplies last. Happy Halloween!

News From Kappa Phi Delta

by Cherry

It's another week and here's another article from Kappa Phi's underrated publicity chairman. Down here, people are continuing to get more and more busy. Cro-Mag, Casper, Zoltar, and I found time to make it to 818 though. Cro-Mag made many new friends especially with the members of the bands. Zoltar made friends with Thornden Park. Our puppy, Kodiak, is growing. Ask Meatloaf for the sordid details. I'm sure Bozak will take care of it though. In intramural football news, we lost a valiant struggle against a team with superiority of numbers. We'll get them next time. Well, it's time to wrap this pig up. All you stumps should keep in mind that Halloween Bash is coming up on Nov. 1st. Turn it up...

by Rick Garrett

On Friday, October 4, Teaching Assistants gathered in Nifkin lounge for a workshop. It was organized by several graduate students including Chijien Lin, Win Everham, Gil Pontins, and Amanda Hill. The focus of the workshop was on learning about the teaching environment at ESF and professional teaching skills. It also gave T.A.'s the opportunity to express concerns and opinions in a panel discussion.

One topic that was discussed was overall communication between students, Teaching Assistants, and Professors. In certain instances, lack of communication can cause misunderstandings in grading, student responsibilities, and expectations that might have been easily avoided. The importance of T.A. evaluations was also discussed.

There was an excellent T.A. turnout in Nifkin Lounge (and there wasn't even a T.G.I.F.!) which shows a high interest in continually increasing the quality of instruction at ESF. On behalf of all those who attended the workshop, thank you to those individuals who made it possible.

GSA, GSA, GSA

"I see signs that say GSA MEETING, I see TGIF's sponsored by those three letters, I see a lecture series run by those damn three letters, I hear those three letters all the time, but what the hell does it mean?"

GSA could stand for a lot of things: the Greater Syracuse Anarchists; Guitar Strumming Architects; GOP Sympathy Accolade, and a million other clubs. The truth on the ESF campus is that GSA stands for the Graduate Student Association.

The GSA is the graduate student government. The responsibility of GSA is to allocate the student activity fees to functions that best serve the graduate student body. This includes planning and organizing TGIF's at least four times a semester, bringing a host of different speakers to campus through the Guest Lecture Series, and representing the graduate students for any problems or concerns that they have with faculty, administration or the school in general. The GSA also allocates funds to various student groups that need help, including a program that awards monies to help defray the cost for graduate students that participate in conferences.

There are many other issues and student needs that the GSA is attempting to address, but without student participation we will not be successful. Participation that students can give to GSA comes in two forms: Students that bring issues to the attention of the GSA; And students that participate in the day to day activities that makes GSA possible. Both are equally important. How can you get involved? Being a member of GSA is as simple as attending the next meeting

(with perks like free pizza). And you don't have to make a formal commitment to the GSA. Instead we are trying to get students involved with projects that they value, everything from helping tap the kegs during TGIFs to helping the graduate students find a better insurance plan. The GSA is looking for both students who will be part of their formal structure, and members who are interested in just giving a little time to make student life a little bit better.

If you are interested in becoming a voting member of GSA, then you would want to become part of our Senate. The GSA structure consists of an executive board; president, vice-president, treasurer, social chairman, secretary; and a Senate. The Senate consists of representatives from each department, one representative for each fifty graduate students.

At this point the GSA has not held elections for department representatives, but will do so on the 29th of October at 1 pm in 229 Bray. If you have an interest in becoming a GSA representative please contact Rhone Resch in room 406 Bray, or leave a note in the GSA mailbox in the Office of Student Affairs.

It doesn't hurt to become involved with a group that spends their time trying to make graduate student life better, and you may get a few free meals out of the deal also. Attend the meeting on October 29 and let us hear your ideas.

Writing to the GSA is a simple process of sending an E-mail to ESFG-SA@SUVM. Please feel free to send any questions and comments to the GSA, who will respond the same day, if not within a few hours.

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before placing your paper there since some of the baskets are marked "newspapers only".

In an effort to build upon the recycling program at ESF the Recycling Club has taken on a variety of responsibilities.

Typically, these responsibilities entail time-intensive tasks that The College does not have the money for, but that are relatively easy to undertake for a club full of active volunteers. The Recycling Club currently collects high-grade white paper, aluminum cans, and glass.

While The College collects and recycles high-grade white paper, they do not collect from the landscape architecture studios in Marshall Hall. Mr. Bilco noted that the high percentage of tape and other contaminants associated with the paper generated from these studios, do not make it practical for the Physical Plant staff to purge the contaminants, thus making this paper acceptable to Bodow Recycling Inc., the high-grade paper dealer. Lisa Giani, Recycling Club President, recovered two large yellow, square, and mobile bins from storage for use as containers for the high-grade white paper discarded by the LA studio occupants. One of the bins was placed in the first floor studio while the other was put on the third floor. By diligently removing the contaminants the Recycling Club members are able to bring the paper up to recyclable standards. A sign above each bin reminds LA students what kinds of paper should be discarded in the bins. When the bins are full they are brought to the basement of Marshall Hall where the grounds crew picks them up.

Recycling of aluminum cans and glass bottles was initiated by former ESF student and Recycling Club member Jim Creveling. The Club purchased green barrels to collect these recyclables. The barrels, located in central areas in each campus building, can be easily recognized by the circular hole on the cover. Refundable and non-refundable glass and aluminum containers may be placed in these barrels, but first make sure to remove and throw away any caps or straws. Last year the cans and bottles were redeemed at D & D Redemption Center for \$240.

One component of our waste stream that is not currently being recycled is the food waste generated in the Marshall Hall snack bar. In an ambitious joint project between the Recycling Club, several graduate students, and Rich McClimans, a food waste composting program is being implemented. Snack bar diners will be asked to separate their garbage into biodegradable and non-biodegradable portions to be discarded in clearly marked barrels. Look for signs in the near future heralding the beginning of this project.

Anyone interested in learning more about where The College stands on recycling and where they might be going in the future, are invited to attend an open forum to be held on Wednesday October 30th at 5:00 pm in Nifkin Lounge with Art Bilco, Rich McClimans, and Jim Hassett, an Associate Professor in Forest Engineering.

The Recycling Club meets Wednesdays at 5 in Nifkin Lounge.

ESFGSA@SUV

Having a tough time reaching GSA members when you have a problem? Can't make the meetings because you have a class? Wondering when the next TGIF will be? Then get to a computer and E-Mail the GSA through the account ESFGSA@SUV.

That's right, the GSA has established a permanent SUV account to help facilitate communication between the students and their representatives. The GSA realizes that many graduate students are too busy to take an active role in student government, but still have concerns that need to be addressed, or questions to be answered. Therefore the computer account has been established in conjunction with the Office of Student Affairs (thanks Pat) to enable students to voice all concerns and comments to the GSA Executive Committee without having to take the time to attend meetings or track down officers.

"How do I access the account?"

In order to send messages and questions to the GSA you must first establish a computer account on the SU mainframe. This can be done by filling out a one page form at room 120 Hinds Hall. Graduate students do not have to have their accounts sponsored and can fill out the form in two minutes. The one area of the form that might be a little confusing is deciding which system to use (in fact you can use all the systems even though your account is only listed on one system), but you still must make a choice, so we recommend the CMS SUV system which most other students and faculty access.

"How much is this going to cost me?"

The cost for creating a personalized computer account is already included in your student fee, so each student is paying for the service if they use it or not! Why not take advantage of the money that you have already spent? Once you set-up an account you have the ability to access computer networks around the country and throughout the world for unlimited amounts of time at no additional cost. Why pay outrageous phone charges when you call that friend at the University of Michigan when you can E-mail him or her for free? This could be the biggest financial secret on campus!

"What do I do after I sign up?"

It usually takes about 3-4 days for SU to create your account which is available for pick-up in Hinds 120, or they can send your information directly to your house within 2-3 weeks. When you pick up your packet, it includes your user-id, password and instructional materials. The support staff at the academic computing center are very friendly and will answer any questions you have, no matter how simplistic or obvious the questions may seem.

The one thing to remember is that the system is only as good as you make it. A user can have an account but without learning how the system operates, she or he may never access any of the functions that the system offers. Not only can a student save money and have fun with their account, but they are also getting a valuable education in computer system communications which they will be beneficial at any government agency or large company.

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REEL CHEAP NEWS

By Win Everham

Here I am once again in Westcott theater on a Sunday night, when I should be preparing for my Physiological Plant Ecology presentation. Tonight's film is **THE BRITISH ANIMATION INVASION**, but ouch! for \$5.00! Considering my new column title, this film probably doesn't apply, but I already paid, so here's your review. Keep in mind though that I find very few films worth \$5.00, even if you do get a brochure to go with it.

THE BRITISH ANIMATION INVASION is a series of short animated films separated by animated commercials. If you thought of Monty Python when you saw the previews, think again. These are not exclusively humorous films, more artsy and thought provoking. You know those situations when you sitting there thinking "I don't get it", but are afraid to admit it. It kind of reminded me of the viewing of a collection class projects for a film course. Some were very good, some not so good, there were even some commercials I didn't get! I liked the Whitworth's commercials were dried fruits and nuts were arranged and then blended into images on the film. The Lego pirates commercial was a hit with the crowd. There was a beautiful sequence on dolphins, but it left me wondering if there was a hidden meaning I was missing. Maybe I just have no poetic soul. The sequence of the world of doors was really interesting but might require some altered state of consciousness for understanding (or at least an illusion of understanding). Could there be a deeper meaning to two plucked chickens dancing to "Sledge Hammer"? I thought the last two films were good, the middle aged weight lifter and **CREATURE COMFORTS** - this year's Academy Award winner.

I would not recommend this movie unless your are deeply interested in animation, or deeply interested in appearing to be deep, or at least can bring someone with you who will pretend to understand what you just saw. Instead, try **DR. STRANGE-LOVE** at Watson on Sunday, **TATIE DANIELLE** at Watson on Wednesday and Thursday, **THE ROCKETEER** (see **KNOT-HOLE** two weeks ago) at Gifford on Friday and Saturday, or the **3-D THE MAD MAGICIAN** at Gifford at midnight on Friday and Saturday (for free).

USA Today's All-USA Academic Team

Sixty students will be named to USA Today's All-USA Academic Team. The word 'team' is used to draw a parallel to athletic honors and to send the message that academic skills deserve the same recognition as scoring touchdowns and sinking jumpshots.

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Faculty and staff are invited to nominate qualified students. Nomination forms are available from Pat St. Germain in the Office of Activities & Organizations in 110 Bray Hall. Any full-time undergraduate student is eligible. Each nomination must be co-signed by a faculty member familiar with the nominated student's work and an administrator.

Criteria for the team were developed in consultation with the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant colleges, the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

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Nominations are due to USA Today before November 30, 1991. For additional information, please contact Pat St. Germain in the Office of Activities and Organizations, 110 Bray Hall, 470-6658.

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Yearbook meeting, 5:30 p.m. in Bray 22

Fri., Oct. 18 The Friday Series: Elana Levy will speak about her summer trip to Nicaragua at the invitation of that nation's largest women's union, noon in Room 130 of the Schine Center. Bring your lunch!

TGIF, 4:30 p.m., Nifkin Lounge.

Tues., Oct. 22 Revolutionary Marxism: Historical Materialism. A free University course presented by the Marxist Collective, 8:30 - 10:30 p.m., 211 Hall of Languages

Oct. 25-27 Parent/Family Weekend

Sat., Oct. 26 Annual Fall Barbeque. Win \$50!!!! See inside for brief discription, then talk to Mike Huneke.



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